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SUBJECT: DUTCH AID TO UPPER VOLTA

1. THE NETHERLANDS WILL BE GIVING UPPER VOLTA FOURTEEN MILLION DOLLARS IN AID DURING 1977. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AT THE END OF A VISIT TO OUAGADOUGOU BY A MISSION LED BY DUTCH AMBASSADOR FRANZ VAN AGT (RESIDENT IN ABIDJAN) FROM THE 19TH TO THE 25TH OF FEBRUARY.

2. THESE FUNDS INCLUDE MONEY FOR TEN MAJOR PROJECTS AND A FEW SMALL ONES. THE LARGEST SUM, \$2.44 MILLION, WILL GO TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE FOR EARTH DAMS AND IRRIGATION TO PAY FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ON 40 DAMS STARTED LAST YEAR, TO FINANCE TWO TEAMS FOR EARTH DAM REPAIRS, AND COVER RELATED EXPENSES. ANOTHER \$2.28 MILLION WILL PAY FOR 1,000 KM OF TELEPHONE LINES IN UPPER VOLTA WHICH WILL PROVIDE TELEPHONE SERVICE TO MANY COMMUNITIES THAT DO NOT HAVE IT NOW. A SUM OF \$2.0 MILLION WILL GO TOWARD VEHICLES, TRUCKWEIGHING SCALES, A WAREHOUSE, AND A REFRIGERATION ROOM; ALL FOR UVOCAM, A COMPANY
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DEALING PRIMARILY IN AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS WHICH IS LARGELY OWNED BY THE VOLTAN GOVERNMENT.

3. SMALLER SUMS WILL PAY FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING (A) EXPANSION OF FACILITIES FOR TANNING HIDES, (B) PAVING THE ROAD TO OUAGADOUGOU'S NEW INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (C) SURVEYING AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, (D) COMPLETING

A TOMATO PASTE FACTORY IN THE KOU VALLEY (D) STRENGTHENING
THE GOVERNMENT'S SOIL ANALYSIS SERVICE (F) BUILDING
SCHOOLS AND CLINICS IN TOWNS IN THE VALLEYS OF THE VOLTA
RIVERS, AND (G) PURCHASING CEMENT FOR GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS.

4. THE DUTCH ARE NOW 4TH IN THE LEVEL OF AID TO UPPER
VOLTA, THE US IS 8TH. THE RANK ORDER IS FRANCE, FED,
W. GERMANY, HOLLAND, WORLD BANK, CANADA, UNDP AND THE
USA. USAID IN FY 76 WAS ABOUT \$5.5 MILLION. GRAHAM

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